Techno-Economic clearance of projects in H.P.

4828. SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI: Will-the Minister of POWER be pleased of state:

(a) whether some projects viz. the Parbati Stage-Ill (501 MW) Budhil HEP (70 MW) and Renuka dam (40 MW) were sent to the Central Government for techno-economic clearance by State Government of Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any action has since been taken on these projects;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (e) The Detailed Project Repon (DPR) of Parbati Stage-III Hydro-electric Project (501 MW) received in the Central Electricity Authority for techno-economic clearance had been returned to the Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board (HPSEB) in July, 1995 due to non tie-up of financial aspects. Subsequently, an agreement has been singed on 20.11.1998 between NHPC and Government of Himachal Pradesh for development of Parbati Basin (2051 MW) by NHPC in a phased manner. Field investigations for Parbati Stage-Ill have just been started and it is expected that its DPR will be completed within 3 years.

The DPR for Budhil H.E. Project (2 x 35 MW) was returned to the HPSEB in February, 2000 due to non tie-up of various aspects.

The technical Advisory Committee of the Ministry of Water Resoruces has considered and found the Renuka Dam H.E. Project (2 x 20 MW) acceptable from techno-economic angle subject to certain conditions.

Additional Funds for survey in H.P.

4829. SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Himachal Pradesh has requested for additional allocation of Rs. 40 crores for survey and investigation in Himachal Pradesh to harness un-exploited Hydro Electric Potential;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any decision has since been taken on the request;